Opening of New Dispensary

3448. SHRI RAVINDRA KUMAR PANDEY : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to refer to the reply given to USQ No. 1385 on 12.3.96 and USQ No. 3712 on 2.9.96 and state

(a) whether Government Employees/pensioners have to change three buses at outer-ring road, Peeragarhi, Punjabi Bagh and hire an auto rickshaw from Britannia Biscuits to reach Rani Bagh CGHS dispensary;

(b) if so, whether it is provided in the CGHS norms that a patient may have to change a number of buses for reaching to CGHS dispensary for getting treatment;

(c) whether other colonies like Sarasvati Vihar and Madhuban Chowk adjoining outer ring road be included in with group housing societies in order to meet the CGHS norms of minimum concentration of Central Government employees/pensioners;

(d) if so, the action to be taken by Government in this regard, if not, the reasons therefor; and

(e) whether Government would find out the solution to open a CGHS dispensary at Outer Ring Road, if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SALEEM IQBAL SHERVANI) : (a) to (e). Although the CGHS dispensary at Rani Bagh (Shakur Basti) is fairly centrally located, it is possible that beneficiaries staying in the outskirts of the demarcated areas covered under the dispensary may have to travel some distance to reach the dispensary, as these are scattered private colonies where a mixed population of Government employees (retired and serving) and others are staying.

CGHS dispensaries at Rani Bagh (Shakur Basti), Rohini and Pitampura are serving the localities adjoining Outer Ring Road. Depending on the feasibility, requirement, availability of resources etc. and subject to fulfilment of CGHS norms, the CGHS network is being expanded gradually. However, it is not possible to open a dispensary for each cluster of CGHS beneficiaries.

Emigration of Brain Drain

3449. SHRI RAMESHWAR PATIDAR : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether number of engineers, scientists, medical doctors, graduates in professional courses like Chartered Accounts, Business Management, Company Secretaries have emigrated to developed countries during the last three years;

(b) if so, the details thereof, category-wise and country-wise;

(c) whether the Government are considering to take any policy initiatives to prevent Indian brain drain;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MUHI RAM SAIKIA): (a) to (e). Some Indian scientists, engineers, medical graduates do migrate to other countries for higher studies/work abroad and some of them tend to stay back. But it has not been possible to maintain a record of such migrants. In order to attract such personnel back to the country, the Government have taken steps which include increase in Science and Technology outlays, creation of new Scientific Departments/ Organisations, delegation of enhanced administrative and financial powers to Science and Technology Institutions etc.

Memorandum from Kerala on Haj

3450. SHRI KODIKUNNIL SURESH : Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have received any memorandum from the Government of Kerala regarding various issues of Haj pilgrims from Kerala;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the action taken by the Government thereon so far; and

(c) the total number Haj pilgrims from Kerala allowed during 1996?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI I.K. GUJRAL) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The suggestions made by the Government of Kerala are mentioned below along with the present position :

(i) Representation of Kerala on the Central Haj Committee—Composition of the Central Haj Committee is governed by the Haj Committee Act of 1959, which does not provide for representation from any State except Maharashtra.

(ii) To hand over the process of selection of buildings and their allotment to the Kerala State Haj Committee-Representative of Kerala State Haj Committee has been included in the Building Selection Team for Haj - 97. Allotment of accommodation is made by the Consulate General of India, Jeddah, in consultation with the Central Haj Committee in an equitable manner for pilgrims from all States.

(iii) Arrangement of direct Haj flights to Jeddah from Trivandrum Airport - for Haj'97, it is proposed to have Haj charter flights from

Delhi, Mumbai, Chennai, Calcutta and Bangalore.

(iv) Circulation of draft legislation on Haj Committee to Kerala State Haj Committee before finalisation - The legislative proposals to be enacted in the Bill are under consideration and the new Bill would be introduced after all aspects have been examined.

(c) The total number of Haj pilgrims from Kerala who performed Haj under the auspices of the Central Haj Committee during 1996 was 4588.

Contracts to Indian Companies in African Countries

3451. SHRI R.L.P. VERMA : Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether any Indian companies were awarded African Development Bank/World Bank multilaterally funded international contracts in African countries located in south of Sahara region during the financial year 1995-96; and

(b) if so, the details of all such contracts awarded in each such African country?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI I.K. GUJRAL) : (a) and (b). Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

OBC Recruitment of Group 'D' Staff

3452. SHRI PRADIP BHATTACHARYA : Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether candidates, sponsored by the Employment Exchange for Group D post (Peon) in the reserved category of OBC in the Ministry of External Affairs, have been awaiting in queue for their interviews/ selections since long;

(b) whether it is also a fact that according to the latest Government policy, all such reserved vacancies must be filled up within the stipulated time; and

(c) if so, upto which specific date all selection formalities will be completed?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI I.K. GUJRAL) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The selection formalities have already been completed within the stipulated time. The offers of appointments to selected candidates are under issue.

Agreements Signed with Other Countries

3453. SHRI B. DHARMA BIKSHAM : Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state the salient features of the agreements/accords signed with various countries during the last six months, country-wise?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI I.K. GUJRAL) : A statement is enclosed.

STATEMENT

China

1. Agreement on Confidence Building Measures in the Military Field along the Line of Actual Control signed on 29 November, 1996 in New Delhi includes several important confidence building measures and is built upon the Agreement on the Maintenance of Peace and Tranquillity along the line of Actual Control which was signed on 7 September, 1993.

2. The agreement concerning the maintenance of the Consulate General of India in Hong Kong Special Administrative Region of the People's Republic of China signed on 29 November, 1996 in New Delhi provides the legal framework for the maintenance of our Consulate General in Hong Kong after the transfer of sovereignty to People's Republic of China on 30 June, 1997.

3. The Agreement on Cooperation for Combating Illicit Trafficking in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances and Other Crimes signed on 29 November, 1996 provides for exchange of information and mutual cooperation in combating drug trafficking and other crimes.

4. The Agreement on Maritime Transport signed on 29 November, 1996 in New Delhi provides a framework for the development of maritime traffic between India and China.

Mongolia

1. The Agreement on Trade and Economic Cooperation signed in Ulaan Baatar on 16 September, 1996 provides the framework for expanding trade and economic cooperation between India and Mongolia.

2. The Agreement on Cooperation in the field of Agriculture signed on 16 September, 1996 provides the framework for bilateral cooperation in agriculture.

3. The Agreement in the field of Geology and Mineral Resources signed in Ulaan Baatar on 16 September, 1996 provides a framework for bilateral cooperation in geology and mineral resources.

Oman

1. The Memorandum of Understanding on Joint Commission for Combating Crime signed in Oman on 5 October, 1996 provides for mutual assistance in combating crime through exchange of information/data and assistance in investigation in the areas of trafficking in narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances, international organised crimes including terrorism, illegal